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The Eleventh Commandment.

By MARGARET LEE.

He spent the night alone in the streets, coming at intervals to the corner and watching if his wife had thought better of him and her own duty and returned home. But the dim lights remained untouched in the upper room and main hall. Storer lived over every moment of this terrible break in his peaceful existence. He blazed and burned in the white heat of anger and shivered with cold in the depths of his despair. What was wrong in the world? An honest man should have the right to act generously. What had he done that he should be suspected and accused of infamy? Could it be all a frightful dream? No. He was in his sober senses, and he felt the physical strength of a dozen ordinary men.

Back and forth through the silent, deserted streets he paced and thought. At 8 o'clock he rang his own bell. Jane was in the dining room and came hastily to open the door.

"Get me some breakfast at once. I am off to Europe, Jane. Business is all wrong there, and I'll have to attend to it. While I eat put what I need in my valise. I haven't a moment to spare."

Having swallowed some food, Storer went into the library and wrote this note:

MY DEAR SALLIE—To stop gossip I am going abroad. Stay with your own people or come here, just as you think best. This house will go on under Jane's management, and by simply pleading business matters my absence can be fully explained. I leave our future in your hands. When you tell me that your faith in my honor is as perfect as I supposed it to be, I will return to you. I blame your mother for this dire break in our happiness. Had she minded her own business we should be together in love and peace. I arranged your bank account yesterday. Draw on it as you usually do. If you care to answer this, send your letter to the office to be forwarded. I need not tell you to take care of the boy. Goodby.

JACK.

P. S.—It is possible—I trust not probable—that we may have parted forever. I want you to remember that I am yours faithfully in life and death, JACK.

Storer closed the envelope and wrote a business letter of some length. He gave both to Jane, who stood in the hall fumbling with the valise strap.

Her eyes were full of tears. She spoke huskily.

"Oh, sir, I am afraid something dreadful has happened!"

"Why, Jane! Do you think I have done anything wrong?"

"Oh, no, sir! I know you wouldn't do a thing that wasn't right"—

"It is all a mere business question. Now, Jane, you are to get a check every week for the house expenses and keep everything precisely as I leave it. Post this letter, and you'll get the money promptly. This note I want you to put in my wife's hand. You understand me? No one else is to see it."

"Yes, sir."

"That is all. Take care of yourself as well as the house."

He was gone, valise in hand, and Jane watched him out of sight.

Storer's plan of action unfolded itself without a hitch, even to a good stateroom that had been resigned at the last minute. When the ship was outside the Narrows, he breathed a great sigh of relief.

"No one here can wring Gertie's secret from me. At least I can grow calm and think coolly as to my duty to all concerned in this miserable business."

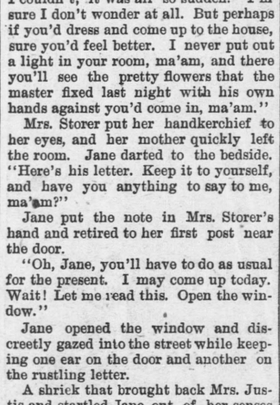
What Storer could not explain or get over was the lack of faith in his integrity displayed by his wife and her family. Their suspiciousness baffled him. He could not submit to being judged and condemned without so much as a hearing.

He had made his wife's acquaintance when she was a schoolgirl. He had carried her books home for her many an afternoon, and as he paced the deck of the steamer he recalled his courtship and his short married life.

This was the first break in a sequence of happy experiences. Sallie had been influenced. He could not help making excuses for her defection, although it cut him to the heart. It was the only thing in the list of possible misfortunes that could materially affect him. There was nothing morbid in his nature. He was devoted to his business in business hours, and he loved his home. He was not a student of great social problems; his one motive was the happiness of those who depended upon him for it. He reasoned that he had done what was simply his duty. Perhaps he had erred in judgment by not confiding in his wife. When he sat between sea and sky and lived over all the incidents as they occurred, he felt the same reluctance still that had prevented him from telling this sad story to his happy young wife.

Loyalty to her sex had been uppermost. It was not necessary for her to know of another woman's frailty. Her judgment might be severe. What right had his wife to know or judge in this matter? The more he considered the point the more satisfied he became with his own silence regarding the incident, and as he paced the deck he lifted his face and determined to stand by his own decision. When he reached England, he learned with glad surprise that his presence was a very much needed if accidental fact.

He became so absorbed in business matters that the cause of his trip gradually faded from his mind. He kept his



"Why, Jane! Do you think I have done anything wrong?"

health and spirits and put his trouble precisely within the limits where it belonged. He would neither magnify it nor let it encroach upon his thoughts. There is everything in abiding by duty.

Meanwhile Jane had posted one letter and carried the other to her mistress. Mrs. Justis received her with an air of armed neutrality.

"Mrs. Storer is not feeling well and cannot be disturbed. If you have any message for her, I will take it to her."

Jane hesitated. Mrs. Justis was not among her favorites.

"I thought she might wish to see me. The house is to go on, the master said, and she may have orders for today. I came for them."

"Oh," said Mrs. Justis, "I'll see if you can come up!"

"Come up indeed," thought Jane indignantly, "after taking care of her house these three years!"

Following a delay that roused Jane's suspicions she was admitted to the front room on the third floor. It was carefully darkened. There was a strong odor of cologne, and Mrs. Storer was still in bed. Her cheeks were burning with fever, her eyes were glassy and the eyelids red as if with crying.

"Merciful God!" cried Jane, quite naturally.

"Mrs. Storer hasn't slept all night," explained Mrs. Justis, who had mounted guard at once.

"Well, indeed, neither did I, ma'am. I couldn't; it was all so sudden. I'm sure I don't wonder at all. But perhaps if you'd dress and come up to the house, sure you'd feel better. I never put out a light in your room, ma'am, and there you'll see the pretty flowers that the master fixed last night with his own hands against you'd come in, ma'am."

Mrs. Storer put her handkerchief to her eyes, and her mother quickly left the room. Jane darted to the bedside. "Here's his letter. Keep it to yourself, and have you anything to say to me, ma'am?"

Jane put the note in Mrs. Storer's hand and retired to her first post near the door.

"Oh, Jane, you'll have to do as usual for the present. I may come up today. Wait! Let me read this. Open the window."

Jane opened the window and discreetly gazed into the street while keeping one ear on the door and another on the rustling letter.

A shriek that brought back Mrs. Justis and startled Jane out of her senses was the result. Then Mrs. Storer was seized with fainting spells, and Jane ran for the doctor.

This family physician, having used proper remedies and ordered perfect quiet for the patient, retired to the parlor and held a consultation with her parents. He was persistent in his inquiries. Mrs. Storer was suffering from a mental shock, and he wanted all the particulars. Medical men prefer not to work in the dark.

In her wild grief Mrs. Storer had told her mother some sad truths.

"Oh, you have ruined our happiness!" she cried repeatedly, regardless of Dr. Belford's presence. "Jack has gone abroad. I'll never see him again. Oh, send for him! Why did I leave him? Oh, fool that I was to let you meddle between us!"

This continued till the anodyne took effect.

Mrs. Justis unfolded to the doctor Mr. Storer's infamous conduct and her own decided action.

"I suppose he has taken that woman with him," she said sadly.

"No doubt," agreed Dr. Belford, who was quite beyond being surprised by anything in the line of immorality.

The story, coming from such authority, he quietly accepted, and in the course of time confided it to his wife.

It was quickly communicated, and when Mrs. Storer was able to go about she judged from the sympathy for her expressed and exhibited that her mother's solution of the foreign trip was the correct one.

Yet when she read over her husband's letter she had her doubts, and these doubts were so strong that she refused to take any steps whatever of a legal nature. She objected to putting detectives on her husband's path and simply remained away from her home and devoted herself to her child. If the worst was true, she did not want to have it proved to her.

Certain other annoyances developed as time elapsed. For instance, little Jack became a bone of contention. In his own home where he ruled as prince his baby ways were humored and his unruly moments patiently ignored. Sensible people never look for angels' wings on the shoulders of healthy, noisy children. Growth means perpetual motion, and Jack seemed to possess the whole house. He caused his irritable, nervous grandfather endless uneasiness. The man, with his cross expression, his ill humor and his exacting manner, antagonized the child. Jack had his jolly, chummy father in his mind when he saw men, and he measured them by his treasured standard. Only a Spencer, a Darwin or a Huxley could explain why this beautiful child, with his angelic expression and stout limbs, should set himself to the tormenting of his grandfather with powers of invention and execution that were as amazing as they were intolerable.

Mr. Justis stormed and threatened and even attempted to punish the child. Then Mrs. Storer caught her baby to her heart and would have sought refuge in her own house had not her mother taken her side in the quarrel and prevented the second break in the family.

Mr. Justis upbraided his wife and made matters so wretched in the house that for the first time she sat down and admitted to herself that perhaps she had made a mistake in taking her daughter home. A boarding house in which Jack would have had no freedom would have been much better for the child.

Toward spring the domestic relations in the Justis family had reached such a pitch of unpleasantness that every member of it lived in a condition of nervous excitement bordering upon insanity.

Mr. Justis was like a bomb of human dynamite, exploding unexpectedly at the most trifling provocation. He no longer noticed his grandchild, so Mrs. Storer and her little delinquent took their meals before the elders of the household ate theirs. This necessity for double duty caused a panic in the kitchen and materially increased Mrs. Justis' problems. At the earliest date possible Mrs. Justis secured rooms in a pleasant country place and established Mrs. Storer, Jack and his nurse for the season. She returned to town with a feeling of intense relief and devoted herself to the humanizing of her tyrannical husband.

Poor woman! She often reflected on the misery of her experience. If she had broken up her daughter's home, she had also destroyed all comfort in her own. The wear and tear had aged her so perceptibly that her changed appearance was a topic of conversation among her many friends. Her social duties were neglected; her thoughts no longer wandered to gorgeous effects in costumes. The world turned for her on her husband's bitter tongue. Every day he reproached her as the cause of the family discord and his own steady loss of health and made her burden as heavy as he possibly could. Conscious of her mother's misery, Mrs. Storer gladly found herself among strangers in a strange place.

For the first time since she was told of her husband's faithlessness she drew her free, natural breath and began to think for herself. She dressed plainly and wandered about with her child. The open air, the grassy meadows, the shaded lanes, all helped to bring peace and pleasant thoughts.

There were no other boarders in the house, and after becoming familiar with the place and its surroundings her mind went out to the people in the neighborhood. From her sunny room in the wing of the house she commanded a full view of a small cottage that soon became an object of intense interest to her.

She had occasional glimpses of a tall young man in a straw hat, who was only visible in the early morning or at dusk on weekdays and seemed to spend his time in catching or returning from the trains. He was undoubtedly the head of the little house and the family, which consisted of a tall, slender, young woman and an infant that she carried about the lawn.

A stout, middle aged woman, who was a veritable maid of all work, completed the household.

To any one with spare time and the faculty of reflection the human trinity is a most wonderful study. On Sundays Mrs. Storer could indulge her interest in this object. On Sundays the man carried the infant about the lawn, sheltered it when asleep in a hammock swinging from the porch, read aloud to the attentive mother and went strolling with her down the winding road. One lovely, breezy morning when the air was filled with perfume and the birds seemed to sing Sunday music the young father rolled a new baby carriage from the porch, and the baby evidently took its first outing.

Such an amount of preparation! One would suppose that the child was composed of sugar or china. Such a trial of pillows and wraps, until finally everybody was suited and away went the wagon, guided by both father and mother, merrily laughing!

Mrs. Storer sat at her window and watched. Then she rose and paced her large room like a crazy woman. Then she cried until exhausted, and finally sat down and wrote to her husband:

DEAR JACK—I don't care what anybody says or thinks. I am very sorry for what I did. Won't you forgive me and come back to me? Jack and I are quite alone here. No one knows how glad we shall be to see you again—only God. I hope he will forgive me for doubting you. SALLIE.

She carefully wrote the address and sent the letter to her husband's office, as he had suggested. No sooner was this done than a complete change in her whole being took place. She felt like a person coming out of a frightful dream, to find it but a dream after all.

She wrote to Jane for her good dresses. She sent orders to her dressmaker. She counted the days. When 14 were gone, she began to watch for Storer's coming. She felt that he would not lose a moment in granting her appeal.

One morning her mother came, looking worn and nervous. Mrs. Justis often sought a few hours' relief with her daughter, and after lunch Jack went out with his nurse, and the mother and daughter returned to the wing room. Mrs. Storer was busy with her needle, and her mother silently contemplated her. Mrs. Justis was a very close observer. Gradually it dawned upon her that her daughter's appearance was decidedly altered since her previous visit.

"Sallie, what dress is that? I don't recall it."

"I only got it yesterday, mother. Do you like it?"

Mrs. Justis could not conceal her surprise. "It's very pretty, but you look ready for a reception. I didn't know you cared to dress much here."

"Oh, I'm tired of plain clothes and dullness. This existence is intolerable. I've endured about all I can stand of it."

"Well, I thought you would come to see the absurdity of turning recluse when your husband was in fault. You can rid yourself of his claims and return to society. You are fitted to adorn society. You'll find others who can appreciate you."

"Yes, but I'm not going to look for them. I'm going back to Jack if he'll take me. Perhaps he won't now. I couldn't blame him if he refused. We treated him outrageously, mother. I know it now."

"You do? How—how do you know it?"

"Oh, I can't make you understand how! I've thought it all out for myself, sitting here alone. Jack never had a thought that was disloyal to me. I can't prove it, but I feel it."

"Oh, nonsense, Sallie! You were fond of him, and in your loneliness here you think of him at his best, and your heart goes out to him. Your father and I will aid you to get a divorce, but we will not agree to let you forgive him. No, indeed! His wickedness has cost us too much sorrow already. We'll have no repetitions of his evil conduct."

"Why, mother, I deserted him. He may go to some other state and divorce me."

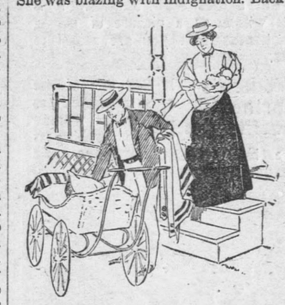
"Well, let him! Then he can marry that woman and give her a shade of respectability. Marriage used to be called a lottery; now it is mere jugglery. As soon as a man tires of his wife he sets in motion a set of wheels, and as a result she is only too glad to assist him in making another woman his legally."

"Well, I am not such a wife. But no doubt in leaving my own home I have helped on the mischief. I'm bad enough, but I only want my own husband."

"Certainly this is a nice state of affairs after all I have suffered for your sake."

"We've all suffered. We suffer still. We did wrong, and we are justly punished for our folly."

Mrs. Justis rose and paced the floor. She was blazing with indignation. Back



Such an amount of preparation!

and forth she walked, glaring at her daughter, whose trembling fingers still guided the needle as it caught the rents in Jack's fine embroideries.

Suddenly Mrs. Justis stopped and gazed out of the window. Mrs. Storer saw what attracted her. The young woman on the next lawn, in her great shade hat, was arranging the baby in its carriage.

"She makes me envious," said Mrs. Storer bitterly.

"No one has meddled between her and her husband yet."

"Who is she?" asked Mrs. Justis, willing to talk of anything or anybody that was not connected with John Storer.

"I don't know her name. You can see how happy she is. Now that she has a wagon she goes to the station every afternoon to meet her husband."

"What a pretty dress she has on! I like the way that velvet vest is arranged and the side drapery is well managed."

Mrs. Storer turned with an effort to become civilly interested in her mother's remarks.

"Oh, yes! I suppose that was her traveling dress. It has a bridal touch to it still."

"I've seen just such a dress somewhere," mused Mrs. Justis.

"Oh, of course—in a fashion plate!"

"No, it wasn't a little picture"—

"There is her husband, if you care to see him, coming along on the other side of the road. He is swinging his hat to her."

"There is nothing remarkable about him."

"No, he is quite ordinary looking." Mrs. Storer touched her mother's shoulder. "See how pretty the wife is! She has dropped her hat. She has the most beautiful hair. Why, mother!"

Mrs. Justis had looked and was now staring at her daughter and trying to speak. Then she fell backward in a faint.

Mrs. Storer was terrified. She called for help, blaming herself for having reproached her mother and brought on the overexcitement that had resulted in nervous prostration. A physician was called in, and it was some time before his efforts to restore his patient to consciousness were successful.

He insisted upon perfect quiet and told Mrs. Storer that her mother was in a very critical condition. Her nerves were so completely unstrung that paralysis might follow the first attack at any moment. He did not think that any sudden incident had caused her illness; on the contrary, he decided that it had been coming on for some time.

Mrs. Storer, knowing what her mother had been undergoing for months, accepted the learned man's theory. She did not send for her father lest more excitement should ensue, contenting herself with a telegram to the effect that Mrs. Justis would remain with her overnight. Mrs. Storer spent a very distressing night. The doctor had prescribed a sedative and ordered silence. Mrs. Justis wanted to talk.

"You must wait until you are up again," said Mrs. Storer gently. "We've talked too much already. Anyhow, of what use are words? They only make matters worse."

So, seeing that her daughter was seriously in earnest, for the first time in her life Mrs. Justis yielded to advice and at last slept heavily. Toward daylight her daughter heard her voice and concluded that she was raving from the effect of the medicine.

"Sallie, it was a dream, wasn't it?"

"Yes, dear."

"An apparition perhaps—what the doctor calls a hallucination. I suppose the blood rushing to my head brought it all up again before my eyes. It was dreadful to see that woman standing there."

"Mother, dear, don't talk. You only excite yourself. It was only the effect of your illness."

"But you saw her, too, Sallie. You spoke of her hair"—

"Yes, but that was the young woman next door."

"No, that was the very girl that John took away in the carriage. I couldn't be mistaken. Why, she even had the same dress on. Didn't I know the dress before she took off her hat?"

Mrs. Storer rose and prepared some more of the sedative draft. "Poor mother, she is haunted by that unfortunate woman's face!" she thought sadly, but when she took the tumbler to the bed-

"Sallie"

side she realized that Mrs. Justis looked very quiet, and her eyes were clear and natural in expression.

"I don't want any more of that stuff, Sallie. Let me get up and dress. I want to catch another view of the young woman next door."

"But you can see her any hour in the day. You'll have to stay in bed until the doctor gives you permission to get up. If not, I'll telegraph for father."

This threat was sufficient. Mrs. Justis took another sleep, and Mrs. Storer devoted herself to Jack and his interests.

It was not until afternoon that Mrs. Justis was allowed to occupy the lounge in the bay window. She admitted that she felt very weak and would have to give herself the rest ordered by the physician.

Mrs. Storer was wholly absorbed by her mother's condition. She had no idea that a person apparently in good health could collapse so suddenly. But the fact was indisputable. Mrs. Justis could not walk without assistance, and now she lay propped up with cushions, watching for the appearance of the young figure that she persisted had caused her a nervous shock. But the afternoon was intensely warm, the sun shone on the little lawn, and its owner was not visible.

Mrs. Justis found relief in tears and gazed in utter despair at her daughter, who tried in vain to comfort her.

"Sallie, you'll never forgive us, I know," she moaned, sobbing childishly. "We did deceive you in one thing. John did come to us that evening"—

"Mother!"

"Yes, he did."

"And you never told me."

"You were in bed, and your father wouldn't let me. To be honest, I didn't want to tell you."

"What did you do?"

"Oh, your father made a pretense of consulting with you. But John would not give names, and he insisted that the young couple had gone on a wedding trip, so he could not produce them, and he wouldn't if he could. It all sounded like a plausible story, and we did not believe him."

"And now?"

"I don't know what to think. I am sure that the woman I saw yesterday standing out there is the one that he brought out of that house. Why did he go abroad? He simply proved to us that we were right in our suspicions."

Mrs. Storer sat still and silent, looking at her mother, whose remorse seemed most pitiable and sincere. After some time she said simply:

"You are almost convinced that you were entirely mistaken"—

"I wish there was some way of finding out who these people are, of satisfying ourselves as to the truth of your husband's story."

"You still doubt him."

Mrs. Justis relapsed into tears.

"You are very good, Sallie, to be so gentle with me"—

"Oh, mother, aren't you giving me back everything that makes life worth living? I can only blame myself. I never should have acted against my better self—never! If you want to see the girl, there she is in a white dress."

"I am satisfied, Sallie." Mrs. Justis gazed at the white robed figure and sighed.

"Sallie, we must ask about her."

"I think that would be very ill judged. The least we can do after so much has been sacrificed is to respect Jack's secret. He had some good motive for keeping the matter to himself. He must have reasoned that it did not concern me. You can write to father or wait until you see him, as you please. I think the wise thing for me to do is to get back to my own house."

"I don't suppose John will ever forgive us."

"Dear Jack! If he can forgive me, he can surely overlook your share in the matter."

"But it was all my work"—

"Mother, how would it do to promise me that you will never make the least effort to discover who these people are? In that case I'll beg of Jack to forget and forgive everything."

"Sallie, I'll agree to that most gladly. But human nature is only human after all, and only think what you and he have suffered through my blind folly!"

"But, mother"—

"Sallie!"

Mrs. Storer turned with a cry of joy to find herself in her husband's arms.

"I don't want to hear another allusion to this matter," he said, offering Mrs. Justis his hand. "I overheard your agreement. Now let us keep it. Where's the boy?"

"A little way up the road in a pine wood. Shall we go to him?"

Mrs. Storer found her hat, and together the joyous couple started.

"You'll open your eyes when you see the things I bought for you in Paris."

Storer's eyes were brilliant with delight.

"Oh, Jack, how good of you!"

"Why, I found a piece of brocade for your mother that will simply dazzle the people at the next ball, and do you know, Sallie, I have come to the conclusion that if we can once get your father to a German spa the old man will grow young again. It's that infernal dyspepsia that has turned him into such a crank. Hurrah! Look at Jack. Isn't he a beauty?"

"Yes, and he knows you. How he runs to meet you!"

THE END.

He—"Darling, was there ever love like ours?" She—"Well, not in my experience, at last."

The man who is entirely absorbed in himself is not the only sponge in the apothecary's shop.

Was Almost Wild.

"I was troubled with a skin disease which almost drove me wild. I heard so much about Hood's Sarsaparilla I concluded to try it and the first bottle convinced me of its merit. I continued taking it until I was entirely free from the skin trouble, and I recommend Hood's." WALTER JACOBUS, Rutherford, N. J.

HOOD'S PILLS are the only pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla. Cure all liver ills.

She—"I suppose you have had some narrow escapes in playing football?" He—"I have had some hairbreath escapes."

Miss Spokes—"What shall we have for our club colors?" Mr. Pedalman "I guess black and blue will be all right."

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Our Woman's .....Column

COULDN'T FOOL THE OLD MAN.

THINGS had progressed to a point where the young man had been practically received into the family circle. While he hadn't yet mustered up sufficient courage to ask the old man's consent it was evident that he would in time.

Thus it happened that the old man, who liked nothing better than a good game of whist or euchre or hearts, invited him to have a little game one evening, and of course he didn't feel that it would be policy to refuse.

"You and mother," said the old man, referring to his wife, "can play against Martha and me. That will be fair. If you and Martha sat opposite each other you would probably persist in looking into each other's eyes, to the great detriment of the game."

Naturally the young woman and the young man blushed, but they said nothing and the game began."

It wasn't much of game. While the young woman wasn't sitting opposite the young man she was sitting next to him, and every few minutes one or the other of them forgot to play when it was his or her turn. Then, too, there were frequent inquiries as to who took the last trick, and what was trumps, and altogether the old man felt a good deal like swearing on one or two occasions.

Finally he made up his mind that patience had ceased to be a virtue. The game had come to a standstill while the young people exchanged confidences in a whisper. It was noticeable also that each one had one hand under the table.

"Young man," said the old man sharply "I should infer from the way you are playing that you haven't much of a hand."

"On the contrary, sir," protested the young man, "I think I have as good a hand as I ever held."

"Well, suppose you drop it for a few minutes and try to play the cards that are on the table," suggested the old gentleman gravely.

He did. His missing hand appeared above the table almost instantly, and so did hers. And they both blushed.

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USEFUL LEMONS.

No woman should be without lemons on her toilet table, says the New York Sun. They are about as necessary nowadays as soap, so those who believe in them say.

"Lemons!" exclaimed a woman who believes in them religiously. "Why, I wouldn't be without lemons a whole day for anything. I once heard of a French woman who was considered the most beautiful woman of her time, and she attributed her good looks to eating eight oranges a day 365 days in the year. I'd be willing to gamble on it that lemons will do far more toward beautifying a woman than oranges. Lemons beautify one through and through, outside and in. Nothing in the world bleaches the skin, hands and face like a little diluted lemon juice applied at night, and, strange to say, unlike most bleaches, it softens the complexion. Then the fines of manicure acids is made by dropping a teaspoonful of lemon juice in a cup of tepid water. This removes all stains from nails and skin, loosens the cuticule naturally and much better than any sharp instrument. A dash of lemon juice in plain water is an excellent tooth wash, removing not only tartar but sweetening the breath, and a teaspoonful of the juice in a small cup of black coffee will drive off a bilious headache before the sufferer can say caterpillar. Life would be very barren to me without lemons, and so it would be to any woman who knows the secret of their efficacy. Best of all the juice of a lemon taken with a teaspoonful of soda, cooking soda, after each meal will pull the flesh right off the most persistently fat woman who ever worried over her weight.

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FORTUNE IN A TOILETTE.

Mrs. Celia Wallace, who wore a $50,000 gown on the opening of the opera season last year, will eclipse her record this season by wearing a gown and jewels valued at $150,000. The color of the gown is a pinkish heliotrope, with plain heavy satin for the front and big patterned brocade in heliotrope and silver at the back.

The bodice is cut in V shape and has a high collarette and blouse drapings of lace. The jewels to be worn with this brilliant toilet are more costly than any ever worn heretofore by a Chicago woman. Diamonds and opals will glitter in the snowy hair. A necklace of diamonds, diamond bracelets and corsage pins will be among the accessories, which will run the cost of the costume up to $150,000.

The lace flounce alone cost $10,000, and the sleeves and corsage drapings $5000 more. The rest of the big sum will be represented by the jewels, which have been specially designed. The largest ornament fastening the lace on the bodice is an enormous diamond surrounded by smaller ones. The elaborate comb has what is said to be the largest opal in the world for its chief jewel, with diamonds arranged in floriated setting to frame it.

Mrs. Wallace is about 90 years old. She is the widow of Judge John L. Wallace, formerly of Saratoga, N. Y., and is the daughter of the late Dr. William Whipple, of Wentworth, N. H. She has no children and spends a large part of her income in philanthropical work. Her costumes are made up accoring to her own designs.

Last November Mrs. Wallace was ported to have offered to adopt Evangelina Cisneros, who had escaped from a Cuban prison. Mrs. Wallace has a fad for curios and jewels and her collections are most valuable.

HYPNOTIZED BY A MONSTER SNAKE.

"What in modern days we have called hypnotism is a thing which, under one name or another, or unnamed, has existed as long as animate life in the world," said Dr. A. G. Brayman, who has devoted considerable study to hypnotism both as an abstract science and in its bearing on medical pratice. From the earliest times in civilized rural communities, as among other savage peoples, the belief in witch doctors—men and women who cure ailments by incantations of one sort or another—has prevailed. No doubt these occult healers often accomplish all they profess and the secret of the cure is the hypnotic influence they exercise upon the mind of the patient.

"In lower forms of animal nature we find manifestations of this power in the charming of birds and animals by snakes. The thing that led me first to study this subject was when in boyhood I saw a frog fascinated by a snake. The snake, which was about three feet in length, of a non-venomous species, lay coiled by the roadside, its head resting upon its coils, the forked tongue darting from the mouth, while its eyes were fixed on the frog, which sat motionless gazing on the snake a foot away. This was as they were when I found them; how they come together I could not tell. There apparently was nothing to prevent the frog from hopping away out of danger, but he chose to squat there within the reach of his inveterate enemy. I had an errand that took me a mile beyond. I left the two as they were; did my errand, and hurried back. The snake had retreated into the long grass, where I found it with the frog, half swallowed, in its mouth; the frog was fully alive, but was asking no resistance or attempt to get away from the snake.

"Ten years later, on the Amazon River, I had a startling evidence of the hypnotizing power of the snake family. In my occupation of collecting bird skins for mounting I was threading a forest path, carrying in hand a gun loaded with very fine bird shot, while my Indian guide followed, carrying a heavier gun charged with buckshot, to use in case we should come upon a deer or a jaguar. A bird of brilliant plumage flew in a tree which overhung the path, and as I peered into the foliage trying to discern the bird I became aware of something swaying before my eyes and a flashing prismatic colors, producing on me something of the impression of a kaleidoscope. So unobtrusively had this thing come into view that it dawned only slowly on my mind, preoccupied with the search for the bird, that the object so softly reaching toward me was the head and six feet of the neck and body of an enormous water boa. From the mouth the forked tongue was shooting and vibrating and changing lights were from its eyes bent upon me. With my cocked gun in my hand I did not think to use it or to run away, but stood gazing literally spellbound, as the snake, slipping from the bough on which it lay, advanced its head toward me.

"I heard my guide shout from behind me. The snake's head drew back with an angry hiss as the Indian crowded past me, raising his gun to his shoulder as he did so, and with the loud crack, crack! of the two barrels he seized me with both arms and rushed me back away from the place. Then I saw the snake, which had dropped from the tree, writhing and twisting in the path—an immense fellow, twenty-feet long and of girth in proportion. Its head was shattered by the two charges of buckshot, but the convulsions of the body were enough to show the reptile's enormous strength and give an idea of how I should have fared if once it had thrown its coils around me. The boa would have done this in a few moments more, the guide told me, and if he had not rushed to my aid I would have stood still, fascinated, and never stirred to avoid my fate. In other words, the snake had 'charmed' or hypnotized me beyond all power of resistance or retreat.—New York Sun.

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DIAMOND IN HER TOOTH.

Miss Florence Hudson, of Baltimore, is the possessor of a tooth that is one of the most unique e orld. The tooth is of solid gold, and bears in the middle a beautiful and flawless diamond. The diamond is somewhat more than a half carat, and graces the tooth known as the lateral incisor, which sets in the left side of the upper jaw, well to the front. The diamond cost fifty dollars, and is a very beautiful jewel. The tooth is one of a pair of solid gold ones, which were put into the upper jaw by means of a golden bridge, and the effect is not only startling, but beautiful.

Miss Hudson is a pretty young lady, with very large, dark eyes, and dark brown hair and as she leans back in her chair the flash of the diamond as the upper lip is raised, catches and holds the attention with a persistency that cannot be overcome.

Turn the eyes in whatever direction one will, they are sure to return to that disappearing and reappearing stone. The diamoned-lighted smile, which accompany most of the words of Miss Hudson is, indeed, a thing of beauty, and is totally indescribable in its effect. The diamond is set right in the center of the tooth, which is a large one, and occupies about half of its front surface. The tooth was practicly made around the diamond, which is therefore, visible on both the front and back of the tooth. Miss Hudson glories in a set of very large and white teeth, and when she found some time ago that she would have to lose two of her front teeth, she determined to substitute them with solid gold ones. In thinking the matter over, however gold appeared to conventional and commonplace, and she remembered that about a year ago, while visiting in New York, she had seen a lady, the wife of a dentist of that city, who had a very small diamond in her tooth. This thought having reoccured to her, she determined that she also would have a diamond in her tooth to take away the dull effect which two solid gold teeth without ornament would impart to the mouth.

The effect is very much prettier than would be expected," and it altogether does away with the dull appearance which has been the great objection to gold teeth in the front of the mouth.

The diamond tooth is not so cheap that it is likely to find its way into the stores, for the two teeth, the bridge, and the diamond in Miss Hudson's case cost a trifle over one hundred and fifty dollars. Diamond in the teeth are bound to become popular, for a much smaller diamond can be used with practilly the same result, and diamond teeth are now in order as Christmas presents.

"Do the police suspect anybody of the murder?" "Yes." "Whom do they suspect?" "Oh! they don't know."

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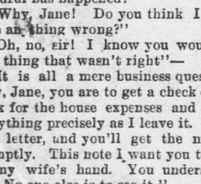
coffee at night. It spoils their sleep. You can drink Grain-O when you please and sleep like a top. For Grain-O does not stimulate; it nourishes, cheers and feeds. Yet it looks and tastes like the best coffee. For nervous persons, young people and children Grain-O is the perfect drink. Made from pure grains. Get a package from your grocer to-day. Try it in place of coffee. 15 and 25c.

"She seems to be lacking in self-confidence." "She is, shockingly so! Why, she doesn't believe she can plan a house better than an architect."

"After all your boates, Mrs. Dash, you did not fire off your pistol at that burglar?" "How could I? He was standing right in front of my new stained-glass window."



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THE SCHO OL BILL.

"The first bill of especially generally public importance offered at this session of the General Assembly, was the educational bill read in the House last Friday," says the Dover "Index"

The new constitution provides that, "The General Assembly shall make provision for the establishment of a general and efficient system of free public schools;" that the Legislature must appropriate not less than one hundred thousand dollars annually, which together with the income from the investments now forming the present school fund, shall constitute the new school fund; and that this amount shall be distributed equitably among the school districts, without any distinction on account of color.

There is in fact no system of schools in this State, each school being independent. This condition has been brought about because any legislation for improving a school has been for the individual school, the town or the district as the case may have been, and not for the schools of the State. The new constitution demands a change, and a system should be established, Whether this bill meets the requirements is not known as it has not been published in full. It needs to be studied. The "Index" gives the following brief synopsis:

'The new bill proposes to inaugurate a system of co-operation and mutual aid and support between the school districts, at least in part. To secure this end, the following plain is proposed: The school districts are left exactly as they are to-day, having their elections and having their commissioner as usual, but all the school districts (outside of the incorporated districts) lying in the same Representative district are to act, to a certain extent, in harmony and unison.

This is to be accomplished in the following manner:

Each school district, as it is constituted to-day, is termed a "sub-district" of the new "district", the new "district" being the Representative District.

In order to really comprehend the meaning and intent of the bill, it must be fully borne in mind that the sub-district is simply the school district as it stands to-day. Each sub-district as we shall call it in conformity with name given in the bill, holds its election as usual, but instead of electing two commissioners and a clerk, elects only one commissioner and no clerk. This commission so elected is called, by the bill, a sub-district commissioner. Shortly after the election, each commissioner so elected, meets with all the commissioners elected in every other school district which lies in the same Representative District. When they have all met together, they elect from their own number a kind of an executive committee, which the bill term. the "District School Commission." For convenience, we shall continue to call it the executive committee. This executive committee, then prepares an estimate of all the probable expenses for the school year following election, setting forth specifically what amount is to be used by each particular school district in the whole Representative District. This estimate must then be submitted to the commissioners of all the school districts in the same Representative District, and may be rejected by them and a new estimate substituted. When an estimate is finally agreed upon by a majority of all the commissioners of all districts in in the same Representative District, the assessment list is made out to accord therewith; the commissioner for each school district preparing the assessment list for that particular district. When the money is collected, it is all paid to the excutive committee, but must be expended by the committee in accord with the items of the estimate, made out as stated above.

The accounts of the committee must also be all audited by all the commissioners.

This is practically the foundation plan of the bill, as we understand it. Its evident aim is to secure concerted action in school management and school systems, and to strive to bring neighboring school districts into touch with each other, and to mutually aid and help one another.

In addition to this, provision is made for an entirely differently constituted State Board of Education. At present, the State Board is composed of the Governor, Secretary of State, and the three county superintendents. The new bill proposes it to consist of the Governor, Chancellor, President of Delaware College, State Auditor, and one representative from each county.

This State Board also possesses much larger powers than now. It elects all the county superintendents. It receives all reports and complaints, and may remove an offending or negligent superintendent. It meets every quarter instead of only once a year as now."

THE Legislature is still in a waiting attitude. The Senate sometime since voted to adjourn for a few weeks but the house refused—three dollars a day is an item. The Senate has reconsidered its action in diverting the tavern and marriage licenses from the school fund to the general fund. The people of the State owe the increase of the school fund, almost doubled, to the Republican House of 1889. Will this Legislature take it away? The bill to abolish the trading stamp in Wilmington passed the House on Thursday by a vote of 15 to 5 despite the fact that a strong lobby has opposed it. It goes to the Senate for action.

THE Cuban situation outwardly remains unchanged. The report of the inquiry as to the blowing up of the Maine which was confidently expected this week has not been made, though it may be made any day. When it is made the crisis will be at hand. Spain as well as this country has been utilizing the past month to prepare for war—the possibility of war. Senator Proctor has made a statement on the floor of the Senate about his visit to Cuba. He says in no sense has the suffering of the people been overdrawn. About half of the "reconcentrados" have died from lack of food and a disregard of the laws of health. They have been taken from the plantations and are huddled in pens under military guard, subject to be shot by soldiers if they attempt to escape. There may be war, or there may not, but a fuller liberty to the Cubans is assured.

LAST week the TRANSCRIPT gave in the "Farmers' Column" on the fourth page the very excellent address by the president of the Peninsula Horticultural Society delivered at the recent meeting held in Snow Hill, Md., the Eleventh Annual Session. The printed proceeding are very valuable and interesting. This week we give space to the very interesting report of the committee on Transportation. Every Delaware farmer every horticulturist, should read, and then render to this excellent Society all the aid possible to right the wrongs of excessive freight.

MY MARYLAND.

—Dr. Thos. H. Cooper, aged 48 years died at Chestertown, March 10th, having been ill but a few hours. He was born at Whiteleysburg, Caroline county, and was a brother of Dr. Peter Cooper, of Wilmington, and Dr. Cooper, of Elkton. He located in Chestertown in 1882 and was very successful. His last words were, "Is this death?"

Since the fire at Chestertown insurance agents are reaping a harvest in writing policies. The town is to have a fire department.

Still Pond has a "blacksmithing and horse-shoein parlor."

Thos. P. Vandegrift died on Wednesday last at his residence in Chesapeake City of throat consumption. He leaves a widow who was Miss Mary E. Vanhorn of Bohemia Manor. Mr. Vandegrift served as post-master at Chesapeake during Cleveland's first term. He was 55 years old,

Jacob Tome, one of Maryland's best-known citizens, died at his home in Port Deposit on Wednesday morning of pneumonia. He was at church on Sunday morning but was taken sick that evening and continued to grow worse. He was born in Pennsylvania, Aug. 13, 1810. He was a poor boy and by his own efforts died the wealthiest citizen of Cecil county. His greatest accomplishment was the founding of the Jacob Tome Institute at Port Deposit. At the time of his death he was president of the First National Bank of Elkton and of the Cecil National Bank of Port Deposit, and of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Cecil County and was a director of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Evalyn Nesbitt Tome, but no children.

OLD SUSSEX.

The work of continuing the Queen Anne railroad across the lowlands near Lewes to the bay shore is going rapidly on.

Half a dozen canning factories near Milford that have lain idle for several years, and at least three new ones will can tomatoes this year.

The April term of Sussex Court will convene on April 6, when John Taylor will be tried for killing John E. Lockwood and Alfred Riley, Charles Lockwood, Archie Lockwood and William Thompson will be tried for the murder of Cephas Miller at a negro fair in Lewes.

Joseph Cooper, who recently stepped in a vat of boiling water at Laurel, and is dying from his injuries, was greatly surprised one day this week when a woman, who says she lives in Philadelphia, claimed to be his wife. The shock has proved so great that that the doctors now fear he will die.

The residents of Lewes had the greatest scare for years between 3 and 4 o'clock Thursday morning, due to the tremendous thunder storm, and for a short time many women and children were frantic. More than half of the population believed that Spanish warships had come to destroy the town. The storm came from the southerly direction, and when it was still in the distance a deep rumble could be heard and the reflection of the lightning could be seen over the Breakwater like flashlights from great vessels. The few people who first awoke roused others from their slumbers and in a few minutes half the town was awake and many people were on the streets ready to fly at the approach of danger. For awhile the excitment was great, many actually believing that a fleet of Spanish warships was approaching, but soon the storm dispelled all fears and people returned to their homes.

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN PANTS.

The editor of the "Rocky Mountain Call" won the prize of $1,000 offered by the syndicate of Western editors for the best appeal poem to newspaper subscribers to pay up their subscriptions. This is the poem:

Lives of poor men of t' remind us,
Honest men won't stand a chance,
The more we work there grow behind us
Bigger patches on our pants.

On our pants, once new and glossy,
Now are stripes of different hue,
All because subscribers linger,
And won't pay us what is due.

Then let us all be up and doing,
Send your mite, however small,
Or, when the snow of winter strikes us,
We shall have no pants at all.

The First Excursion to Wilmington.

The first of the cheap excursions to Wilmington is announced to come off Wednesday, April 6th. It will be from all parts of the Peninsula, and tickets will be good to go or return on any train. Each holder of a ticket will be given a trolley ride between 2 and 4 o'clock. The day promises to be a glad one not only for Wilmington, but for their Peninsula visitors. Wilmington at the head of the State, is naturally its metropolis, and the Board of Trade wish to impress this fact on the people. The trip promises to be one full of interest.

ODESSA NOTES.

Dr. T. A. Enos, of Townsend, was in town on Thursday.

Mrs. Alfred G. Cox, of your town, was an Odessa visitor on Monday.

Green Bros. are busy preparing their boats for the sturgeon fishing.

Mrs. Fowler has moved into the house formery occupied by Mr. Louis Roth.

Mr. John C. Corbit, of Philadelphia, was the guest of his parents, over Sunday.

The Steamer Ella made a trip to Philadelphia on Thursday. She will make two trips next week.

Mr. T. Courtenay Enos, of Harve de Grace, Md., spent the night with his parents Thursday.

Mr. Lee Sparks, of Wilmington, spent several days of this week with his uncle, Mr. Elias N. Moore.

Mr. William A. Rhoades, Jr., has been visiting his brother, Mr. Harry Rhoades, in Washington this week.

Mr. George Moore, of Middletown, has bought and moved into the house formerly occupied by Mr. Harry Jones.

Mrs. John Green and daughter and Mrs. George Green and daughter attended the funeral of Mrs. John Green's grandmother at Hancock's Bridge, N. J., on Monday.

TOWNSEND NOTES.

Mrs. D. P. Hutchison is quite sick.

The frame for the shirty factory has been raised.

Miss Elma Finley is visiting friends in Smyrna.

Mrs. Walker, of Oakland, Cal., is a guest of Mrs. A. L. Quillen.

Mrs. Chandler has returned from a visit to Crumpton and Millington.

The creamery is getting between five and six thousand pounds of milk daily.

W. E. Graves has had a bulk window built in his dwelling with a view to putting in a millinery store.

Mrs. George Kennedy and Miss Mollie Othoson, of Sassafras, and Miss Maggie Simkins, of Felton, were guests of Mrs. W. A. Scott on Tuesday.

The members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union are anticipating a good time at the coming County Convention which is to be held here on April 20th.

DELAWARE'S NATIONAL BANKS.

Comptroller of the Currency's Report on Their Condition.

Washington, D.C., March 13.—The Comptroller of the Currency has given the following abstract of the reports of the national banks of Delaware upon their condition on February 18, 1898:

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$5,407,366.35
Overdrafts	2,618 41
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	795,000.00
U. S. bonds to secure U. S. deposits	50,000.00
U. S. bonds on hand	42,000.00
Premiums on U. S. bonds	53,925.00
Stocks, securities, etc.	682,464.01
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	336,989.71
Other real estate and mortgages owned	99,279.63
Due from national banks reserve agents	174,171.61
Due from State banks and bankers	62,753.87
Due from approved reserve agents	1,204,365.98
Checks and other cash items	43,733.82
Exchanges for clearing house	19,337.53
Bills of other national banks	45,669.00
Fractional paper currency nickels and cents	6,117.85
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz:	
Gold coin	156.107.95
Gold Treasury certificates	15,150.00
Silver dollars	31,041.00
Silver Treasury certificates	122,199 00
Silver fractional coin	24.104.55
Total specie	348,602.50
Legal tender notes	131,241.03
Total reserve	479,843.50
Five per cent. redemption fund with Treasurer	34.235.00
Due from U. S. Treasurer	2,550.00
Total resources	$9,542,421.27

LIABILITIES

Capital and stock paid in	$2,083,985.00
Surplus fund	984,151.13
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	237.036.03
National bank notes issued	715,500.00
Less amount on hand	22,412.50
Amount outstanding	698,087.50
State bank notes outstanding	555.50
Due to other national banks	258,900.32
Due to State banks and bankers	11,009.42
Dividends unpaid	3,103.58
Individual deposits	5,220.557.24
United States deposits	36,344.38
Deposits of U. S. disbursing officers	13,691.17

Average reserve held, 32.78 per cent.

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OLD POINT COMFORT.

Leave New York and Philadelphia Saturday, March 19. Tickets, including transportation going and returning, luncheon on going trip, and one and three-fourths days' board at Old Point Comfort, will be sold at rate $16.00 from New York; $15.00 from Trenton; $14.00 from Philadelphia, and proportionate rates from other points. Tickets will be valid to return by regular trains within six days.

At a slight additional expense tourist can extend the trip to Virginia Beach, with accommodations at the Princess Anne Hotel.

For itineraties and full information apply ticket agents; Tourist Agent, 1196 Broadway, New York; or Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

KENT COUNTY.

The Smyrna Creamery received last month, 51,649 pounds of milk, paying 80 cents per 100 pounds.

A firm at Milford, Del., last week shipped to New York 20,000 muskrat hides, 2 000 raccoon hides, 2,000 opposum hides 10,000 rabbit hides and 200 mink and other hides.

Improved Order of Heptasophs at Harrington paid to the widow of George A. Redden, on Saturday, $5,000. Mr. Redden was until his death teller of the First National Bank of that town.

The assessor for Dover under the Adams law has completed his work. The three largest individual amounts assessed are: Dr. T. C. Frame, $53,750.26: S. W. Hall, $30,466; Dr. Henry Ridgely, $22,569.90. The total amount of East Dover hundred is $641,621, and the total amount of the entire county is about two and a hal million dollars.

Washington, Richmond, and Old Point Comfort.

The second of the present series of Personally Conducted Tours to these interesting places via the Pennsylvania Railroad will leave New York and Philadelphia on Wednesday, March 16. Two days will be spent at Washington, one day at Richmond and two days at Old Point Comfort.

Tickets, including transportation, meals en route in both directions, transfers of passengers and baggage, hotel accommodations at Washington, Richmond, and Old Point Comfort, and carriage ride about Richmond—in fact, every necessary expense during entire time absent—will be sold at rate of $35.00 from New York, Brooklyn and Newark; $34.00 from Trenton; $32.50 from Philadelphia, and proportionate rates from other stations.

For itineraries and full information, apply to ticket agent; Tourist Agent, 1106 Broadway, New York; or Geo. W. Boyd Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

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And each day and night during this week you can get at any druggists Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs, acknowledged to be the most successful remedy ever sold for Coughs, Croup, Bronchitis, Asthma and Consumption. Get a bottle to-day and keep it always in the house, so you can check your cold at once. Price 25c. and 50c. Sample bottle free.

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The Spring Silks Are Ready

"Complet" reads the sign hung on Paris omnibuses when the seats are taken. "Complete," says the silk chief as he sums up the season's elegance gathered here. To be sure, he is mistaken, for completion cannot be in such a store, where each day finds newness. But silks are at high-tide now, and they are nodding a cheery good morning to all who come. No flowers, save the loom blooms that make the new silks more glowing than usual.

Taffetas, forty-two styles, not counting the plain colors, 75c to $1.25.

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Black-and-white Indias and Taffetas—the Indias, 50c to $1.25; the Taffetas, 75c to $6.

But details grow tedious. It is the whole, as a picture of spring brightness, that you are asked to see.

Women's Spring Outfittings

IT WAS one of the great sensible class—a bright woman—who, looking at the NEW SPRING DRESSES, said that a woman might well spare herself the trouble, fatigue and expense of getting dresses made, when such costumes were handed her, ready to put on.

"See," she said to a friend, "there are not heaps of one thing. One is surely not in uniform with a suit from here. Even a dressmaker, in ruts, would turn out a dozen suits more nearly alike."

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Spring Suits at $8.50 and $10 and up and up to $150.

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$8.50—Suits of navy and black serge; fly-front coat lined with silk serge. Or, suits of same material with blazer jacket.

$10—Suits of cheviot serge—navy, black, and a few in castor—fly-front coat lined with black taffeta. Full tailor-made skirt lined with cambric.

SPRING COATS AND CAPES are popping out of the cases as fast as lids are pried off. Not many yet—and these first few don't tarry long. Interested? Likely you'll be first one to see some new beauty.

Men's Spring Overcoats

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50c Yard, extra fine Covert Cloth, in new spring shades, Grays, Blues and Browns, full 44 inches wide, 75c value.

65c Yard, fine spring shades, *Ladies Cloth*, all new shades, Blues and Grays, the 90c value.

23c Yard, fine all wool Cashmere, in Blues, Pinks, Grays and Blacks.

50c Yard, all wool Silk finished Henriettas, Blues and Blacks, 42 inches wide.

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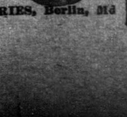

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Forest Presbyterian Church.—Rev. F. H. Moore, Pastor. Services held every Sabbath morning at 10.30 o'clock, and every Sabbath evening at 7.30. Sabbath School will be held every Sabbath morning at 9.15 o'clock, H. C. Ellison, Superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. Young People's Society Christian Endeavor meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Junior Society Christian Endeavor every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Services at Armstrong's Chapel the first Sabbath of each month at 3 p. m.

St. Anne's Protestant Episcopal Church.—Rev. Wm. J. Wilkie, Rector. Holy Communion on the first Sunday in the month at 10.30 a. m. On all other Sundays at 7.30 a. m Divine services every Sunday at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Morning Prayer and Litany every Wednesday and Friday at 10 a. m. Evening Prayer on Friday at 3.30 p. m. On all Holy Days service at 10 a. m., and 3.30 p. m Sunday School at 9.45 a. m. Adult Bible Class at 6.45 p. m. The Guild meets every Thursday at 2 p. m., the Ladies on the first and third Fridays of each month at 2 p. m., the Boys' Club on Friday evenings at 7.30 and the Junior Auxiliary on Saturdays at 3 p. m.

To Subscribers.

SUBSCRIPTION BILLS for all amounts due the TRANSCRIPT for one year and over are being made out and will be mailed. This does not mean that any inconvenience shall be taken to settle, but only as reminders of the many small sums due and that early settlement will be appreciated. There are many who pay at the beginning of the year--in advance; many pay during the year; others settle at the close of the year. These are all satisfactory. If for good reasons some go beyond a year the newspaper can "carry" a few but a large detinquent list is "no good" and a good paper cannot afford it. Consult your label and remit, please.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., MAR. 19, 1898.

Local News.

—April 10th will be Easter Sunday.

Every body uses Bragdon's Poultry Remedy, it cures; 25 cents.

—Who said St. Patrick did not do nobly? Was it not a beautiful day?

—Appoquinimink Hundred has raised a large crop of frogs this spring.—Smyrna Times.

—FOR RENT.—The house occupied by Jas. K. Orrell, on East Main street.

G. E. HUKILL.

—There is considerable difference between making religion a business and making a business of religion.

—FOR SALE—Chestnut posts and rails Apply to George Buckwith, St. Augustine, Md.

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—W. W. Dav has been appointed postmaster at Farmington, and George E. Harrison was appointed at Lowe's Cross Roads.

—One Cornet and one Alto horn for sale cheap. Apply to W. E. JOHNSON,

Middletown, Del.

—Last week the mercury got up in the sixties, starting the grass, blooming the maple trees and putting the bees and other insects on the wing.

—FOR RENT.—One Dwelling on Main street and two in the rear.

MISS FANNIE SHEPHERD.

—Remember that J. F. McWhorter & Son have a full line of carriages and agricultural Implements on hand

—Fort Delaware was garrisoned Wednesday, the first time for years. Battery L, Fourth Artillery, U. S. A., from Fort McHenry, Baltimore, is stationed there.

It's folly, to lose your poultry when the use of Bragdon's Poultry Remedy is guaranteed to run for 25 cents.

—Lloyd Strawberry, the most prolific and popular to date plants for sale at one half market price.

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—Subscribers to newspapers should not allow non-subscribers to borrow their papers. It is an injustice to publishers who are thus defrauded out of many subscriptions.—Delawarean.

FOR SALE.—150,000 two year old Palmetto Asparagus crowns. R. LOCKWOOD,

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—FOR SALE.—A fine lot of Fresh Cows and Springers—Alderneys and Guernseys.

J. K. LONG, Middletown.

—The Rev. J. L. Vallandigham D. D will preach in the Forest Presbyterian Church on to-morrow, Sunday, at both morning and evening services. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

—FOR SALE.—A fine farm of 74 acres, 15 acres woodland, nice dwelling, good granary and stables, orchard and vineyard, not far from water and rail facilities. Terms easy at private sale. Inquire at TRANSCRIPT office.

—Advantages of LeGore's Combination of Lime above others are, it acts quicker asts longer, takes less per acre. For State analysis and scientific test, testimonials, prices, &c, address, J. W. LeGore, Woodsboro, Md.

—Judge I. C. Grubb, who has been in Europe for the past three months for the benefit of his health, has returned home well and strong. He spent most of his time sailing on the Mediterranean sea. He visited Egypt, where he met a number of prominent Philadelphians.

—A member of the firm of du Pont, de Nemours & Co., powder makers, when asked regarding the manufacture of smokeless powder for the government, said: "Our works are not yet fully started on government contracts, the quantity turned out is small as compared with what we will be able to manufacture when fully started. We are now turning out about 4,000 pounds of smokeless powder per day, but will turn out more after a while, when we are under way." When questioned as to the capacity of the works on this grade of powder in the event of an emergency he said: "We can turn out about 12,000 pounds per day."

—For up to date photographs, at moderate price, call at Trink'lere's studio.

—The county convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held at Townsend on April 20.

—The Town Fathers have organized by the election of Mr. J. Frank McWhorter president and Mr. J. A. Suydam secretary.

—Jesse L. Shepperd has been elected a director of the Citizens' Bank, of Middletown, to succeed the late Rirchard Clayton.

—The Rev. Wm. J. Wilkie will preach to-morrow afternoon in Townsend, at the residence of Mr. C. F. Hubbard. The services will begin at half-past two.

—An effort will be made to refund the indebtedness of Middletown, $34,000, by issuing new bonds at a lower rate of interest. A bill is being prepared for the General Assembly for that purpose.

—A non-suit was granted by the court this week in the case of Mrs. Alice Cresswell against the Wilmington & Northern Railroad Company for $25,000 damages for the death of her husband, who was killed on the road.

PROFESSIONAL CARD.—Dr. W. E. Barnard Surgeon Dentist, office same location, opposite the post office. All operations pertaining to dentistry guaranteed. Odontunder and Gas for painless extracting.

—FOR SALE—The Parker House on Cochran street; two nice residences on Cass street; one fine property on North Broad street; two nice ones on South Broad street; also several farms near town Apply to

GEORGE W. INGRAM

—The smoke at the Academy at noon on Monday was just a little scare but enough to bring out the hose boys. Some mischievous pupils, boys some would say but where is the proof? had poked waste paper down the heater and the rooms were full of smoke. It was the first gre alarm for many months.

—Have just received two carloads fertilizers and fertilizer materials for early truck and all spring crops, now stored in warehouse for quick dellvery. Send in your orders. JESSE L. SHEPHERD

S. M. REYNOLDS, Agt.

—Mrs. Mary Latta, aged 74 years, died at the residence of her son, John Latta, Friday. The deceased was a member of Friendship Church, Blackbird Hundred, and was highly respected by everyone being a true Christian woman. Interment was made at Glenwood Cemetery, Rev. L. W. Layfield officiating.

—Messrs. Columbus Watkins, John C. Corbit, W. P. Biggs, G. E. Hukill and J. T. Shallcross were named by the Court of General Sessions as a commission to view the public road leading from Catharine street to Hamtown with the object of widening the same. The commission viewed the road on Wednesday.

—William du Pont, who returned from Europe a few days ago, owns about 7,300 shares of stock of the Wilmington City Railway Co. He has declined to accept the offer of E. W. Clark & Co. brokers for the recent purchasers, of $13 a share, payable in trust bonds. Mr. du Pont has paid the call of $1 a share. The other shareholders generally accepted the offer.

—At a meeting of the Middletown Mutual Building and Loan Association on Tuesday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: H. A. Nowland, president; G. E. Hukill, Vice President; Leonidas Darlington, treasurer; Alfred G. Cox, secretary. Directors to serve three years, W. S. Letherbury, Alfred Green, and Charles H. Howell. The books are now open to receive stock of the 26th series.

—A man supposed to be Robert Brandon Wallace, of Washington, Pa., was found dead Saturday night last in a room at the Hotel Jennings, Wilmington. He registered from Philadelphia. His body showed evidence of strychnine poisoning. A pill box labelled "calomel" was found, but it is supposed to have contained strychnine. Letters from his mother asking him to come home, 25 cents and some pawn tickets were found in his pockets. He was about 26 years old.

—The steamer Ericsson, of the Ericsson Line, which was sunk February 16 near Wilmington, has been raised and towed to Philadelphia, where her cargo is being discharged. The steamer will be hauled upon a marine railway and a survey made to determine the extent of her injuries and what repairs are necessary. It is expected that the necessary repairs can be completed in a short time, and the steamer will then resume her regular place on the Philadelphia and Baltimore route.

—Forks, Shovels, Spades, Axes, Rope Traces, Chain Traces, Hames, Curry Combs, Horse Brushes, Farm Bells, Grindstones and all other kinds of Hardware, Tin Ware and Wooden Ware suited to the season at "way down prices," at

MIDDLETOWN HARDWARE HOUSE.

—Wheat has been advancing for a month past under conditions that point to its continued rise for months to come. From South America where threshing is now about completed, of the crop harvested in December, reports show the yield is only an average one, and the amount for export will fall below the average. In Europe the outlook for wheat is below the same average of last year.

—Ten dollars were added to the treasury of the Christian Endeavor Society from the Masquerade Luncheon held at the Academy on Tuesday evening. Considerable fun was created by the nomenclature used for disguising the articles for sale. In ordering you went at it blindly. A very pleasing program of vocal and instrumental music and recitations was rendered by the members and friends of the society.

—It is really remarkable how many plants and flowers may be grown in the house during the colder season by one who loves flowers and who is not afraid of work. Dr. W. E. Barnard is a lover of flowers as his windows now are ample proof. He has crocus, narcissus, daffodils, single and double tulips, hyacinths, daisies, pansies, oxalis, cyclamen, jonquils, geraniums and calla lilies. The doctor has planted his sweet peas of which he had so many last summer.

—The writer had the pleasure of a drive this week from Middletown out through Bohemia Manor as far as St. Augustine, Md. To those who take this drive often the beauty of the country this early may not appear, but to the person who loves nature and yet drives seldom the country makes it appeal. Only the wheat is now growing and in its first short velvet-like coat but the acres and acres of it, the miles of green, are so inviting. Farms of 250 or 300 acres are about half seeded to wheat. On nearly every farm may be seen these balmy spring-like days the wagons spreading the barnyard manure, covering large field after field, increasing the fertility of the soil, assuring a crop of big corn this fall, guaranteeing the wheat crop of the following year and the clover the next The creameries are doing much for this garden spot; the cow, she is queen. Let any who may doubt the agricultural beauty and fertility of this section make a visit here next May or June. To see is to be convinced.

—"The Evils of All Intemperance" is the Christian Endeavor topic to- morrow at 6.45

—We call the attention of farmers who wish to contract for pickles to the advertisement of the Philadelphia Pickling Company in another column.

—Mr. Henry Talbot, late of the firm of Cochran & Talbot, moved with his family this week to Philadelphia where he will engage in the commission business. Mr. Stephen Boyer is moving into the property vacated by Mr. Talbot.

—Last week the TRANSCRIPT inadvertently stated that $12,500 was paid for the sire of some of Mr. Higgins' Jersey cows which are to be sold next Tuesday. (see ad). The intention was to say the grandsire, "Michael Angelo," for whom the above sum was paid by Congressman Sibly. His dam "Eurotas" was the then greatest known Jersey cow.

—The second anniversary of the Y. M. C. A. was carried out last night as announced except that Mr. F. H. Burgess, one of the speakers, was absent because of business engagements. Addresses were made by Drs. Moore and Wood; the vocal and instrumental music was very attractive. It is probable that another meeting will be held soon when Mr. Burgess will speak and two friends of his who are interested in the Y. M. C. A. work, Mr. Samuel D. McConeghy and Mr. William Parker.

—Last week Clerk of the Peace Foard had 1000 bushels of wheat and 7000 bushels of corn stranded on a barge on the Bohemia River By removing about half the corn the barge was floated. Capt. Foard had returned on Monday evening, "having closed up the barge business," when the hostler in unharnessing the horse let him get away, half harnessed to the buggy. The horse ran down the railroad track south, breaking from the buggy and finally falling into the culvert at St. Anne's. Following the advice of Mr. Warner Brockson the horse was gotten out though somewhat bruised and sore.

—Representative Taylor presented to the House on Thursday a paper signed by about 30 residents of St. Georges and Appoquinimink hundreds, protesting against the passage of the bill to permit fishing with 3-inch mesh nets in Noxentown and Drummond's mill ponds, near Middletown. At the session of the Legislature last winter a bill was passed providing that the smallest mesh used should be 3½ inches, and the signers of remonstrance desire that the law shall remain as it was fixed at the last session. The object is to protect the fish in the ponds and prevent the catching of small ones. The bill now before the House was introduced by Mr. Eliason several weeks ago, but it is likely that it will not be passed, in view of the opposition.

—The thirteenth annual session of the Wilmington M. E. Conference convenes in Lewes on Wednesday, March 23rd. Aside from the two new elders to be made—one for Wilmington District and one for Easton District—there are not to be many changes, at least not many are expected though every minister in the Conference is subject to change at the will of the bishop. But three ministers have served their charges for five years—the full time limit. Bishop John P. Newman will preside. He will preach in Grace Church, Wilmington, to-morrow morning. He is native of New York and was born September 1, 1826. He graduated from Casenovia Seminary and joined the Conference in 1848. After some foreign travel, he wen to New Orleans in 1864 to establish the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the southwest after the war. For three terms he served as Chaplain in the United States Senate, and was for three seperate terms pastor of the Metropolitan Church of Washington. In 1873 he was appointed by President Grant inspector of consulates, and made a tour of the world in pursuance of his duties. He was elected Bishop in 1888. He is a great orator and a brilliant man.

—It would be pleasant to pass over all sad and unfortunate events, but the public demand "to know" requires them to be reported. The fair and sympathetic reporter was called last week into one of Wilmington's many handsome and luxurious homes together with the heartless, sensational reporter by the act of the head of that house hold. Frank Pyle, aged 53 years, President of the C. & J. Pyle Company, morocco and patent leather manufacturers, was found dead at his home early Friday evening. He was seated in a chair with a bullet wound in his head and a pistol wound on his breast. The verdict of the coroner's jury was suicide. Mr. Pyle lived in one of the handsomest homes in the city of Wilmington with his wife and daughter. His firm has always been successful. No cause can be attributed for the suicide save that Mr. Pyle was considerably worried over the unhappy marriage of a son and a daughter two or three years ago and had just received a letter with sad news. His home life was pleasant. He entered his home about 4 o'clock and talked with the cook and then went up stairs. About 5.30, when Mrs. Pyle returned from a drive with her daughter, she went up stairs and found her husband dead.

—The weekly meeting of the New Century Club at the Y. M. C. A. rooms yesterday was an afternoon with Louis May Alcott. Meeting opened with the President, Mrs. J. P. Cochran, Jr., in the chair. After the usual business of the Club, preceeding the literary program, the president called for the first No which was "A sketch of the life of Louisa May Alcott," given by Mrs. W. F. Kennedy in a fifteen minute paper, written and delivered in a very entertaining manner showing that much care and thought had been bestowed upon the subject. This was followed by a paper, "Her best-known writings and her reputation as an Author" by Miss Ethel Brady who told how well-known the writer is known through such books as Little Women, Little Men, Jo's Boys, &c, &c. and she spoke of her high rank in the literary world. Then Miss Pharo followed and gave a very interesting selection from her writings, and the last number on the program "Her literary friends and all associates" by Mrs. Boardley closed a most delightful part of the program on Miss Alcott which was greatly enjoyed and showed that there is being work done in the club which may justly reflect credit upon it. The afternoon was concluded by "Current events" taken up by several of the members separately,—previous assignments for topics having been made.

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PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

(If you have been away on a visit, or have visitors at your home send us the news, send it early. What may seem of no interest to you, may be pleasing to some one else. We are always pleased to publish any items of personal or local mention and cordially invite our patrons to furnish us the facts.)

—Mr. J. G. Bragdon was in Philadelphia on Tuesday.

—Miss Martha Heaton spent Sunday in Philadelphia.

—Miss Ada Lockwood spent Sunday with friends in town.

—Mr. Wm. Metten spent Sunday with his parents at Fieldsboro.

—Mr. William T. Budd, of Wilmington was in town over Sunday.

—Mrs. W. E. Barnard is visiting friends in the Monumental City.

—Dr. and Mrs. Horace Vaughan were in Philadelphia on Wednesday.

—Mr. James H. Burnham, of Wilmington, was in town on Thursday.

—Miss Margaret Authors, of Kenton, is at her aunt's, Mrs. Martin B. Burris.

—Miss Lucy Cochran has returned from an extended visit with friends in New York.

—Misses Bertie and Estella Jones, of Philadelphia, are guests of their sister, Mrs. J. B. Parsons.

—Miss Lizzie Lockwood, of Warwick, has been spending the week with her aunt, Mrs. Lydia Price.

—Mrs. William McGonigal and son John, of Philadelphia, are expected at Mr. William Taylor's to-day.

—Mrs. Louis M. Barnard has returned from a visit of several weeks with relatives and friends in Kent county.

—Miss Bessie Anderson attended the funeral of her uncle, Mr. Warren Stricklard, in Wilmington on Tuesday.

—Mrs. Ferdinand Johnson and Mr. Jas. Hodgson, of Chester county, Pa., have been spending the week with their sister, Mrs. Matilda Budd.

—Rev. W. C. Alexander, of Washington, D. C. attended the funeral of Mrs. Henrietta Houston Monday, he having been her pastor many years.

—Miss Clara Belle Wilson has returned from an extended visit to the City of Brotherly Love. She is accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Fannie Veasey.

—Rev. F. H. Moore, D. D., will spend Sunday with his brother in Trenton, N. J., and will preach for Rev. John Dixon, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of that city.

—Mrs. M. Clendaniel and three children of near Middletown, Del., spent Saturday and Sunday with her mother, Mrs. M. E. Watts, at the Watts House.—Chestertown Transcript.

—Mrs. John P. Dunning went to Philadelphia on Monday to meet her husband who was on his way to New York where he took a steamer for the Island of Cuba, Tuesday afternoon, having been ordered to that place to do newspaper work.—Dover Index.

NECROLOGY.

Mrs. Henrietta Houston.

There is nothing so beautiful, so strong, in this world as a mother's love. About the first of December Mrs. Henrietta Houston lost her oldest "boy" with whom she had made her home for several years. Like all elderly people she lived much in the past and this bereavement no doubt told upon her strength. She died early on Saturday morning, March 12th, at the home where she has lived in Middletown for years. She was born March 9th, 1814, being 84 years old. Her maiden name was Hook. She united with the Presbyterian Church when 16 years old and for nearly three score years and ten was a consistent member thereof. She was but 16 when she married Mr. John Houston who died in 1881. Their home was near Mt. Pleasant. Funeral took place on Monday and interment in Forest Cemetery in the family lot. A mother in Israel is no more.

Mrs. John Bendler.

Mrs. Bendler died at the residence of her husband on the "Redding Farm" near Middletown yesterday morning after a lingering illness since last July of dropsy. She has been a great sufferer and her death has been expected for weeks. Mrs. Bendler's maiden name was Johnson and her age was about 49 years. Besides her husband she leaves seven children and many friends to mourn her death. Four of the children are at home and three are in homes of their own—Elmer Bendler, Mrs. George Castelow, Mrs. Gove Voshell. Mrs. Bendler was a consistent member of the Middletown M. E. Church. Funeral services will be held on Monday morning at 11 o'clock; interment at Hickery Grove.

Mrs. Eliza Stephens.

Mrs. Eliza Stephens, whose interment was from the noon train yesterday at St. Anne's cemetery, died on Wednesday at the residence of her son Mr. George M. Stephens in Collinsdale, Pa. Death resulted from pneumonia and paralysis. Mrs. Stephens was born in Philadelphia but spent many years in Middletown during her married life subsequently. Her husband Mr. Samuel R. Stephens was a merchant here for a number of years and died some years ago. Since leaving town Mrs. Stephens has made her home with her son, but has frequently visited her friends here. She was a faithful and consistant member of St. Anne's P. E. Church and for many years sang in the choir, and being gifted with a richly sweet voice she was greatly missed when ill health compelled her to leave it. She was a person of an especially bright and sunny disposition and leaves many friends to mourn her death.

Mr. Warren Strickland.

Mr. Warren Strickland died at his home 1020 Adams St, Wilmington on Sunday morning the 13th instant, after having been nineteen years a confirmed invalid from locomotor ataxia.

For many years previous to this affliction he was an engineer on the Delaware railroad, having come to this state from his home in Massachusetts when this R. R. was in its infancy. He was well known on the road. One son, Mr. Frank D. Strickland of the R. R. Office at Clayton, and three daughters survive him. Mrs Charles Robinson, of Philadelphia, and Misses Emma and Esther Strickland. The funeral services were held on Tuesday at his late home in Wilmington and the interment in Brandywine Cemetery.

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DELAWARE CITY.

Mr. Roy Keane is home this week.

Mr. Thomas Sadler spent Sunday in Harrington.

Miss Jennie Vail spent Sunday in Wilmington.

Miss Lottie Bland spent Monday in Wilmington.

Mr. Richard Starr, of Salem, N. J., was in town on Tuesday.

Miss Bertha Vandegrift spent Wednesday in Philadelphia.

Mr. Purnel L. McWhorter, of Middletown, was in town this week.

Miss Julia Clark is reported very ill at the Hot Springs in Arkansas.

Arthur Heather was given a surprise party on Wednesday evening.

The Literary Club met at Miss J. W. J. Marley's on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. W. J. Beck and Mrs. O. B. Wingate were in Philadelphia on Tuesday.

Mrs. Lena Linn was the guest of her sister in Wilmington this week.

A company of soldiers are to be sent to Ft. Mott (Finns Point) this week.

Mr. Harry J. Moore is employed in New York city instead of Philadelphia.

Mr. George McIntire spent Sunday at home; his health is much improved.

The Mite Society of the Presbyterian Church met at Mrs. J. Thomas Price's home.

The ladies of Christ Church parish have been busy papering the rectory this week.

About sixty soldiers arrived this week at Ft. Delaware from Ft. McHenry, Baltimore.

Miss Julia Sadler and Miss Agnes Vail enjoyed a visit to the Quaker City this week.

A young lady of our town received as a valentine a hadsome cinceraria in full bloom.

Rev. W. J. Wilkie, of Middletown, officiated in Christ Church on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hoeffer, son and niece, of Philadelphia, are guests of Mr. Peter Frempt.

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Vail spent Wednesday with her sister, Mrs. John Vandegrift, near Port Penn.

Mrs. Eugene Lindsay has left Delaware City. Mr. Ferguson will reside in the Lindsay house next year.

Mrs. John Warren and son visited in Wilmington this week. Mr. Warren visited near Middletown Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Virden, contractor of Lewes, is in town. He has the contract for Mr. F. C. Warner's house for the cellar of which ground has been broken.

The cottoge prayer meeting of the W. C. T. U. met on Thursday at the home of Mrs. A. J. Pennington, The birthday of Gen Neal Dow was appropriately remembered.

A number of our town people visited Wilmington this week. Among them were Mrs. Geo. Green, Misses Sadie and Annie Roberts, Adelbert Beck, Mrs. Raymond Hickey, Mrs. Samuel Hickey.

The law regarding the killing of rabbits should be enforced here. Nearly every day, Sunday included, men and boys with dogs are hunting them in the swamp back of Fifth street. It has been the custom here to feed the dogs on the young rabbits every spring.

Dr. Barrett's last visit as Presiding Elder in the M. E. Church was made here last Sunday. At the close of the service the congregation was invited to come forward and bid him farewell. "God be with you 'till we meet again," was then sung. With deep regret the farewell was spoken, as Dr. B. had made many warm friends in the town.

The attendance at the prayer meeting in the lecture room of the Presbyterian Church on Wednesday evening was larger than usual. Miss Laura Frempt was regularly appointed organist and during the service Miss Frempt and Miss Ella Cleaver sang a duett. This was an agreeable departure from the ordinary usual exercises and was duly appreciated.

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ON SATURDAY,

THE 26th DAY OF MARCH, 1898,

at 9.30 o'clock a. m.,

the following described real estate, viz:

All that certain tract of land, with dwelling house, barn, and other buildings thereon erected, in St. Georges hundred, county and state aforesaid, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a stone, a corner for these and lands of Thomas Houston; thence with said Hquston's land and land of Samuel Rothwell, deceased, the following courses, to-wit:

North 57 degrees and 36 minutes west 196-10 perches; thence north 49 degrees and 36 minutes west 17 6-10 perches; thence north 51 degrees and 4 minutes west 75 5-100 perches; thence north 50 degrees and 40 minutes west 105 9-10 perches crossing the public road leading from Mt. Pleasant to St. Georges; thence north 39 degrees west 43 2-10 perches; thence north 25 degrees and 2 minutes east 38 5-10 perches to a stake in swamp land binding Joy run; thence north 33 degrees and 42 minutes east 38 4-10 perches to a stake in the edge of swamp land a corner for lands of Ephraim Beasten, deceased, and lands of Samuel Boggs; thence with lands of the said Boggs the following courses and distances, to-wit; South 57 degrees and 32 minutes east 5 perches; thence south 69 degrees east 8 45-100 perches; thence south 66 degrees and 18 minutes east 15 1-10 perches; thence south 71 degrees east 26 1-10 perches; thence south 58 degrees and 10 minutes east 7 perches; thence south 54 degrees and 32 minutes east 12 8-10 perches; thence south 46 degrees and 8 minutes east 31 9-10 perches; thence south 47 degrees and 32 minutes east 17 4-10 perches to a mulberry tree, a corner for these lands of said Boggs and Elliott; thence with Elliott's land and land of Wiley Jamison the following courses, to wit: South 49 minutes west 75 8-10 perches; thence south 19 degrees and 8 minutes east 9 3-10 perches to a black oak tree with three notches cut therein; thence south 19 degrees west 129 3-10 perches to the middle of the public road leading from Mt. Pleasant to Boyd's Corner; thence with the middle of said road towards Mt. Pleasant north 57 degrees and 48 minutes west 16 8-10 perches; thence north 48 degrees and 52 minutes west 14 4-10 perches; thence north 32 degrees and 8 minutes west 46 9-10 perches to a corner for these and lands of the above-named Samuel Rothwell, deceased, and thence north 35 degrees and 36 minutes east 84 8-10 perches; thence north 4 degrees and 40 minutes west 21 2-10 perches; to a stone, a corner for these and lands of said Rothwell, and a tract of woodland owned by Thomas Houston; thence with Houston's line north 62 degrees and 30 minute east 72 4-10 perches to the place of beginning, containing within said bounds 185 acres and 27¼ perches of land, more or less.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of Sarah Ann Lecompt, widow, William Jerome Ellason and Susan E. Ellason, his wife (formerly Lecompt), Rebecca Ann Lecompt, James L. Lecompt, William McMullen and Sarah McMullen, his wife (formerly Lecompt), Mary Frances Lecompt and Annie L. Lecompt, heirs-at-law of the late James Lecompt, deceased, mortgagor, and t, t's and to be sold by

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Real Estate!

By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of the State of Delaware, in and for New Castle County, made the Sixteenth day of February, A. D., 1898, will be exposed to sale at public vendue, on

Wednesday, March 23d, 1898,

AT TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.,

on the premises, the following described real estate, late of Sarah Ann Howell, deceased, to wit:

All that certain lot of land, situate in Middletown, in New Castle County aforesaid, on the north side of Main street, bounded on the east by land of Bessie and Addie Foard, on the north and west by land of Gideon E. Hukill, and having thereon erected a two story frame dwelling and store.

And it is ordered by the Court that the said executor make return of his proceedings, in the execution of this order, to the March Term of the Orphans' Court for said County, to be held at Wilmington, on Monday the 28th day of March, A. D., 1898.

Attendance will be given and terms made known by CHARLES H. HOWELL,

Executor,

or by MARTIN B. BURRIS, Esq.,

his Attorney.

Attest:
COLEN FERGUSON, Clerk Orphans' Court.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, That we, Charles Baird, of the City of Wilmington and State of Delaware, and James C. McComb, of Brandywine Hundred, New Castle County and State of Delaware, have this day renewed and extended the partnership heretofore existing between us for the purpose of carrying on the trade and business of manufacturing and dealing in morocco and other leathers and all things thereunto belonging or appertaining, upon the terms hereinafter set forth.

The said partnership is tobe conducted and continued under the partnership name of Charles Baird & Company; the general object of the partnership is to carry on the trade and business of manufacturing and dealing in morocco and other leathers and all things thereunto belonging or appertaining.

The name and residence of the general partner is Charles Baird, of the City of Wilmington and State of Delaware, and the name and residence of the special partner is James C. McComb, of Brandywine Hundred, New Castle County and State of Delaware. The said James C. McComb, the special partner, contributes to the common stock of the said partnership the sum of Twehty Thousand Dollars.

The said partnership is to commence on the day of the date of these presents, and shall end on the Third day of February, A. D., 1899.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals this Third day of February, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

CHARLES BAIRD, (Seal.)
JAMES C. McCOMB, (Seal.)

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presence of
LEWIS SASSE.

STATE OF DELAWARE, New Castle County, } ss.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this Third day of February, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, personally came before me, Lewis Sasse, a Justice of the Peace for New Castle County and State of Delaware, residing in the City of Wilmington, Charles Baird and James C. McComb, parties to the foregoing certificate, known to me personally to be such, and severally acknowledged that they signed and sealed the said certificate for the purposes therein set forth, and that the same is their and each of their act and deed.

Given under my hand and seal the day and year last aforesaid.

LEWIS SASSE, (Seal.)
feb.5-6t Justice of the Peace.

REGISTER'S ORDER.

REGISTER'S OFFICE,
NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL.,
November 17th, 1897.

Upon the application of William N. Watts, Executor of Jacob C. Vandyke, late of Appoquinimink hundred, in said county, deceased it is ordered and directed by the Register that the Executor aforesaid give notice of granting of letters testamentary upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the Middletown TRANSCRIPT, a newspaper published in Middletown, Del., and to be continued therein two months.

Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written

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Damon Lodge, No. 12, K. of P. Meets every Wednesday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.
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Welcome Conclave Heptasophs. Meets every second and fourth Friday night in K. of P. Hall.
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Of Interest to Farmers

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION MADE AT MEETING OF PENINSULA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, HELD JAN. 13, 14, AND 15 1898.

A year ago this Society adopted a by law providing for a Committee on Transportation, and in accordance with that action a committee was chosen, and herewith is most respectfully submitted the results of their first year's work.

We have not accomplished all that we expected, but we are able to report that the year has been more fruitful in results than any preceding it in our efforts to secure an equitable adjustment of our transportation interests. Neither has there been a time when the future was so full of promise. It has been a matter of general knowledge among the people of the Peninsula that freight and express charges have been excessively high, and that we were unjustly discriminated against. The policy pursued, whatever the motive, has been one of extinction rather than to encourage traffic. As is too well known, this policy has not only decreased production but has had a blighting effect upon valuable and important interests, the effect of which cannot be estimated. Every appeal for rates somewhat in accord with the cost of the service was unheeded. Every resort to the power of the law was stubbornly resisted. Whatever had been accomplished, whether by individual or organized effort, was by the decree of the courts, or when the interests of the carriers were so apparent as to suggest the wisdom of granting the relief asked for. Whatever the difficulties that the horticulturist has encountered in the production of his crop, none has been so great as the failure to get that crop to market at a reasonable rate. The possibilities of the horticulturist of the Peninsula cannot be fully known until the same facilities and economical rates of transportation are enjoyed here as elsewhere. These conditions have caused a bitter antagonism between the shipper and transporter, where there should be mutual good feeling and hearty co-operation. Certain forces and influences have operated to lower rates, and if the fruit growers will give earnest support to these factors, relief from the charges of the P. R. R. Company will be afforded. The forces to which we refer are the opening of a new line of railroad, the increase of steamboat lines, with the excellent facilities furnished by them for the transportation of all farm products. The low rate offered by these lines, and the promptness and dispatch given to shipments placed in their hands, have induced the farmers to patronize them liberally. The rail lines have come fully to recognize that in order to hold their traffic they must establish competing rates. An illustration will serve to show the force of this statement. The steamer Mary U. Githens, plying between Lebanon and Philadelphia, a distance of ninety miles, made three trips a week through the season, carrying some weeks forty carloads of fruit and general merchandise, almost equaling the amount hauled from Wyoming on the Delaware railroad. These two shipping points are three miles apart, and three-fourths of the traffic now going to market by steamer, formerly went by rail from Wyoming. While we believe that there is a general reduction of rail rates from Wyoming being made, there are two notable instances where substantial reductions were made, that we trust will be permanent. The rail rates on grain from Wyoming were reduced to meet the water rates, and on apples the rate to Jersey City was reduced from 54 cents to 30 cents per 100 pounds, to meet the competition via the Githens to Philadelphia and the Clyde from that point. A reduction in grain rates was made from Clayton, Dover, Felton and Milford. Merchandise rates were also reduced from water-competing-point. The rail rates to and from Seaford to Baltimore are reduced to correspond with the water rates, and your committee has been informed that the rates include the cost of loading and unloading. These instances, to which others could be added, serve to show that the excessive rates of the P. R. R. Company must sooner or later be reduced, and that with such reduction must also come improved facilities, if they would get a reasonable share of the patronage of shippers. The building of trolley lines, for which several important charters have already been granted, will aid and quicken the relief that is surely near at hand. Such trolley lines, while furnishing cheap and convenient means of travel, having freight privileges, will become valuable adjuncts as feeders to the steamboat lines, thus bringing water navigation within the reach of all our people. Every encouragement should be given the trolley. Your committee see the future full of promise if these potent factors are given support. We have faithfully endeavored to secure a reduction of rates by the P. R. R. Company, who control transportation upon the Peninsula, and to this situation Delaware holds the key. You will recognize this fact. Any relief, therefore, afforded by the State of Delaware, either by legislation or otherwise, must benefit the whole Peninsula.

The Delaware Legislature, in session last winter, adopted a resolution and appointed a committee of eleven members to investigate the alleged discriminations and excessive freight charges and to report before the adjournment by bill or otherwise. We immediately determined to lend every aid in our power to this committee, who were very courteous and pursued their investigations with zeal and energy. After many conferences in which the views and opinions of our best and most conservative fruit growers were obtained it was decided best to ask for a Railroad Commission, with powers to fix rates and to adjust differences. The Legislative Committee agreed to this plan and your committee drew a bill in accordance therewith, which with some modification became the bill presented to the General Assembly. Your committee attended the weekly meetings of the legislative committee, furnished such data as it had in its possession, or could procure. In this work we were aided by some of the most earnest workers in this Society. A petition asking for legislation that would afford sure and speedy relief to all of our people from the discriminations and excessive freight charges of the P. R. R., was prepared and sent into every school district in the State, and when the bill was presented to the legislature it was accompanied with this petition, to which were the signatures of over 5000 bona fide Delaware voters. It is said to have been the largest petition that was ever presented to the Delaware Legislature. The bill, however, failed of passage.

Though the bill recommended by the committee failed of passage yet we feel that the investigation and publication of the committee's report, by authority of the state, has accomplished a great good, as it is the first instance in which the State has taken cognizance of the charges of the farmers that the rates were unreasonably high and of a discriminating character. The endorsement of the auditor of the Inerstate Commerce Commission as to the correctness of the rates, and the opinions and recommendations of the attorneys upon the constitutionalty and practicability of having a Railroad Commission, justify the position and work of your committee, and give added strength to the report of the Legislative investigating Committee.

An effort was made to secure a reduction in express rates, owing to the fact that strawberries were largely shipped in that way. This effort failed but has already been renewed for 1898, and we hope that it will meet with success. With a larger acreage of strawberries than ever before, a full crop will prove profitless, unless better express facilities can be had at a greatly reduced rate. It has been suggested that the fast lines of steamers, with cooling chambers, could be placed in such rivers as would reach the most extensive berry districts and carry berries to the most convenient points at which competitive rail service could be had. Again the Queen Anne Railroad will carry berries to New England markets at one-third less than present rates on P. R. R. Several trolley lines we think will be built that will prove valuable feeders to these lines, and place the reduced rates thus assured within the reach of a large number of our citizens.

The reduction in the apple rate referred to was wholly the result of efforts of the committee. The change of the classification of Keiffer pears was accomplished by your committee in connection with several large dealers at Wyoming station. This change effected a saving of fifteen and six-tenth cents per basket in freight and resulted in giving growers a profitable market for their pears. This change of classification, however, is not permanent. We recommend that the society petition the Official Classification Committee, of the National Traffic Association, to have the classification of Keiffer pears permanently changed from second to fifth class. If this cannot be accomplished, these pears can be shipped by boat to Baltimore, Wilmington and Philadelphia, and from there to destination much cheaper than as second class freight from points on the Delaware R. R. The Keiffer pear will doubtless rival the peach in its palmiest days, and become one of the most profitable fruits ever grown here, provided cheap transportation can be had—that is transportation charges to be somewhat in accord with the cost of service.

Keiffer pears are shipped in bulk, are as non-perishable as apples, are given slow freight movement, and require no more fitting up of cars than is required for hauling grain, therefore when hauled at fifth class freight, at an average cost of 18 cents per 100 pounds to western points of 70 cents per 100 pounds, and the movement not given that is usually given to second class freight, then we not only feel an injustice is being done, but such classification means the exclusion of by far the most profitable market we have yet found for these pears.

In conclusion your committee feel gratified by what has been accomplished during the past year, and believe that the transportation problem upon this Peninsula is fast approaching solution. A careful study and constant watch of the situation must be had, and every opportunity embraced that will afford any relief. We are well aware that all sections of the State or Peninsula have not felt the benefit of such reductions as have been made, but it will not be long until they shall. What we, as individual shippers, must do is to stand unfalteringly by the cause of transportation reform and a brighter era for Peninsula fruit growers will come.

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Washington ... Letter

PRESIDENT McKinley is one of the hardest worked men in the country just now. He has not abandoned hope that peace may be preserved with honor, but he is working night and day to place this country in a position to wage a successful war against Spain just as though he were certain that war is to come. His head has not been turned even a little bit by the extraordinary confidence reposed in him by Congress, in putting by unanimous vote $50,000,000 in his hands to be used for national defence. He is cool and deliberate, just as he has been from the first. He calmly ignores the sensational reports of this or that European nation being about to form an alliance with Spain, and is as fully determined as ever to maintain National honor at all hazards.

Notwithstanding various contrary assertions, it is a fact that neither the President nor the Secretary of the Navy has received from any member of the Maine Court of Inquiry, a single word intimating what the report of the court will be. They have, of course, like all other intelligent men, formed an opinion from the evidence that has appeared in the columns of respectable newspapers, of what the probable nature of the report as far as it concerns the explosion, will be, but they have no inside knowledge of what the court has done or will do, and expect none, anymore than they would expect advance intimation of what a decision of the U. S. Supreme Court would be in any given case it might have under consideration. There will be no delay in acting as soon as the report, which the President will accept as final, is made, and Spain will not be allowed to delay responding to the demands of this government, if it be shown that the Maine was blown up from the outside and of that there is now very little doubt. While the President is keeping his own counsel as to the demand that will be made upon Spain; it can be set down as certain that it will be one that will be endorsed by the entire American people, just as the President's policy has been up to the present time, and it is generally believed that it will include a proposition for a definite settlement of the trouble in Cuba. There are already strong indications that Spain has adopted a policy of delay, which it will seek to carry out, but it will seek in vain. It will either have to meet our demands promptly or fight.

No Quaker could profess greater brotherly love for the United States than does the new Spanish Minister, who was presented to President McKinley on Saturday. He talked as though peace were assured and that his greatest anxiety is to complete a reciprocity treaty with us. This talk isn't throwing any sand in anybody's eyes.

The confidence felt by Congress in the President is duplicated by that reposed by the President in his Secretaries of War and Navy, and by that placed in their Bureau Chiefs by those Secretaries. An instance of this confidence is the case of Gen. Flagelr, Chief of Ordnance, who has been authorized by Secretary Alger to place orders for as much war material as he may deem necessary under existing circumstances. Gen. Flagler has directed all makers of both guns and ammunition to run their establishments to their full capacity until further orders. But no waste or extravagence is to be countenanced in either the War or Navy Department; every dollar spent will be upon estimates, approved not only by the Secretary, but by the President, and in writing at that.

Congress is very decidedly opposed to anything that might be construed by the world as an alliance between the U. S. and Great Britain. The feeling against "entangling foreign complications" is quite as strong now as it was in the days of George Washington. We do not need any help from England to fight our battles and we do not intend to help England to fight her battles. This feeling has been stronly expressed since the idea became prevalent that England was trying to make use of the probability of a war with Spain to inveigle the U. S. into an alliance offensive and defensive with her. It is all very pretty to talk about an alliance between the English-speaking people being strong enough to dominate the world, but the U. S. isn't in the dominating business, and has no idea of going into it. Besides it has many and growing commercial interests that are necessarily directly opposed to those of England, and other European nations. Having successfully played a lone hand for more than a century, and managed to make more progress than any other nation on earth, it isn't likely that the U. S. would care to hamper itself with a partner now.

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	PAS. A. M.	EXP. A. M.	PAS. P. M.	MAIL P. M.	MAIL P M	
Philadelphia	7.25	10.20	2.02	3.46	5.59	11.10
Baltimore	6.25	9.05	12 05	3.00	5.30	7.52
Wilmington	8 13	11.04	2.51	4.27	6.55	11.56
Farnhurst	f 8.52		f 3 00		f 7.04	
New Castle	9 27	f 11.21	3.05	4.39	7.34	
State Road	f8.33		f 3.10		7.14	
Bear	8.38		f 3.15	f 4.49	7.19	
Porter	8.45		f 3.20	4.52	7.25	
Kirkwood	8.50		f 3.25		7.30	
Mt. Pleasant	8.59		f 3.34		7.38	
Armstrong	f 9 03				7.42	
Middletown	9.08	11.50	3.43	5.18	7.48	12.39
Townsend	9 17		3.52	5 28	7.56	
Blackbird	f 9.22		f 3 58		f 8.01	
Gr'n Spring	f 9.27		f 4 07		f8.07	
Clayton	9.33	12 07	4.13	5.42	8.12	12.57
Smyrna..LV	9.39	11.57	4.02	5 20	8.03	
Brenford	f9.38		f 4.18		f8.18	
Cheswold	f9.43		f 4.23		f8.24	
Dupont			f 4.26			
Dover	9.58	12.23	4.32	5.59	8.34	1.16
Wyoming	10.05	f12.29	4.39	6.06	8.40	a 1.24
Woodside	f10 11			f 6.11	f8.47	
Viola	f10.15			f 6.15	f8.51	
Felton	10 20	f12.40		6.20	8.56	a 1.38
Harrington	10 34	12.53		6.33	9.07	1.50.
Farmington	f10 42	a 1.00		f 6.41	f9.15	
Greenwood	f10.50	f 1 08		f 6.49	f9 23	
Bridgeville	10.58	f 1.16		6 58	9.31	a 2.14
Cannons	f11 03			f 7 01	f9.36	
Seaford	11 13	1.27		7 10	9 45	2.26
Laurel	11.23	f 1.37		7.19	9.55	a 2.38
Delmar	11.33	1.46		7.29	10 05	2.50

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NORTHWARD

	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. P. M.	PAS P. M
Delmar	f1.08		f7.00	f8.00	f2 15	5.30
Laurel	f 1.21		7.11	8.10	2.25	5.41
Seaford	1.34		7.23	8.24	2.35	5.56
Cannons			f 7.31	f 8.31		f 4 04
Bridgeville	f 1.48		7.37	8.37	f 2.46	4.11
Greenwood			f7.45	f 8.45	f 2.54	f 4.19
Farmington			f 7.53	f 8.53		f 4.27
Harrington	2.22		8.05	9 06	3.08	4.40
Felton	f 2.33		8.14	9.16	f 3.18	4.49
Viola			f8.18	f 9.20		f 4.53
Woodside			f8.22	f 9.24		f 4.57
Wyoming	p 2:46	a 6 57	f8.29	9.31	f 3 30	5.05
Dover	2.52	7 03	8.35	9 38	3 36	5.11
Dupont		f7.08				
Cheswold		f7.13		f 9.48		f 5: 0
Brenford		f7.18		f 9.53		f 5:25
Smyrna..LV		7.14	8.42	9 49	3 44	5:32
Clayton	3.09	7.24	8.53	9 59	3:4	5:50
Gr'n Spring		f7.2-				f 5:37
Blackbird		f7.34		f10.08		f 5:43
Townsend		7 39	9 06	10 13	4.07	5:49
Middletown	3.30	7.50	9.15	10.23	4.16	5:7
Armstrong		f7.54				f 6:01
Mt Pleasant		7.58		f10 32		6:05
Kirkwood		8.08		10.40		6:15
Porter		8.15	9 34	f10 46	4.34	6:20
Bear		f8.20		f10.51		6:25
State Road		f8.25		f10 56		6:30
New Castle		8.31	9 46	11.02	f 4.47	6:35
Farnhurst		f8.36	19 50	f11.07		f 6.39
Wilmington	4 15	8 45	9 58	11.17	4.59	6:47
Baltimore	6.31	10 40	11.15	12.40	6.55	8:43
Philadelphia	5.10	9.32	10 46	12.06	5.42	7:33

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‖ Daily. ‡ Daily except Sunday.
"a" Stops to leave passengers from Wilmington and points north, or take passengers for points south of Delmar.
"f" Stops only on notice to conductor or agent or on signal.
"p" Stops to leave passengers from points south of Delmar, or take passengers for Wilming and points north.
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"s" Stops to let off passengers from Harrington points south.

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TRAINS LEAVE WILMINGTON. DELAWARE AVE STATION FOR

New York, week-days, *3.13, *9.39, ‖10.24 a. m. *12.19, *2.24, *3.59 *5.27, *7 41, *11 p. m Sun days, *3.13, *9.39 *11.24, a. m. *3.59, *5.21, *7 41, ‖11.00. p. m.

Philadelphia, week-days, ‖3.13, 5.50, 6.40, 7.15, 7.55, 8.25 ‖9.00, 9.39, ‖10.24, 11.08 a.m., 12.20, 12.34, 4.10, 5.21, 6.30, 7.41, 9.15, ‖11 p. m. Sundays, ‖3.13, 7.35, 8.50, 9.39 11.24 ‖11.24, a. m., 3.59, 4.10. 5.21, 6.30, 7.41, 9.15, ‖11.00, p. m.

Chester, week-days, ‖3.13, 5.50, 6.40, 7.15, 7.55, 8.25 ‖9.00, 9.39, ‖10.24, 11.08 a.m., 1.20, 12.34, 4.10, 5.21, 6.30, 7.41, 9.15, ‖11 p. m. Sun days, ‖3.13, 7.35, 8.50, 9.39 11.24 ‖11.24 a. m., ‖3 59, 4.10, 5 21, 6 30, 7 41, 9.15, ‖11.00, p. m.

Atlantic City, week-days, 7.15, a. m., ‖12.19, 2.34, p. m., Sundays, *7 35 a. m.

Cape May, week-days, m., 8.50 am, Sundays, 2.34 a. m.

Baltimore and Washington, week-days, ‖4.18 7.10, ‖8.35, ‖11 01 a. m., ‖12.57, 12.09, 3.04, ‖4.04, ‖4.57 ‖6.18, ‖8 04 ‖9.11 p. m. Sundays, ‖4.18, 7.10, ‖8.35 a m., ‖12.57, ‖2.09, ‖4.04, ‖4.57, ‖8 04 ‖9.11 p. m Baltimore and way stations, daily. 7.10, a. m 3.04 p.m.,

Newark, Del., week-days, ‖4.18, 7.10, ‖ 8.35 ‖11 01 a.m., ‖12.57 3.04, ‖4 04, ‖4.57, ‖6.18, 7.32, ‖9.11 ‖10.55 p m.

Sundays, ‖4.18, 7.10, ‖8.35 a. m. 12.57 3.04 ‖4.57, 7.32, ‖9.11 p. m.

Pittsburg, week-days, ‖8.35, a m ‖6.18 p. m., Sundays ‖8 35 p m ‖4 57 p m.

Chicago, daily, ‖ 35 a m *1.57 p m.

Chicago via Cincinnati and Indianapolis ‖8.35 a m daily.

Cincinnati and St. Louis, daily ‖8.35 a m ‖12.57, and ‖ 11 p. m.

Toledo and Detroit, *9.11 p m daily to Toledo and daily except Sunday to Detroit.

New Orleans and Memphis via Bristol and Chattanooga, 9.11 p.m. daily. week days 4.57 Sundays Through sleepers to Memphis and New Orleans.

Singerly accommodation, daily 7.10, a. m., 3.04, 7.35, 10.55 p. m: Sundays, 7.10 a m 3.04, 7.32 p m.

Landenburg accommodation, week-days 7.10 10.00, a. m., 3.04 4.57, p. m. Sundays, 10 a. m., 4.57, p. m.

Leave Market Street Station for Philadelphia, week-days, 3 50 p m

Baltimore, week-days, 6.15 a m 2.